

ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Meeting of Tuesday, 06 January 2009  
Mansfield Community Center (MCC) Conference Room

MINUTES

1. The meeting was **called to order** at 7:05p by Acting Chair Jay Ames. *Members present:* Jay Ames, Leon Bailey, Kim Bova, Scott Lehmann, Joan Prugh, Blanche Serban. *Members absent:* none. *Others present:* Taylor Anderson, Joan Cole, Nancy Conlon, Mary Francis (c.8:00p), Jay O'Keefe (staff).

2. The draft **minutes** of the 02 December 08 meeting were approved as written.

3. **MCC art displays.**

a. **Taylor Anderson** brought digital prints of the 16 photographs he intends to display in the hallways and lower sitting room areas during the winter quarter, starting 15 January. All were approved for exhibit.

b. **Joan Cole** showed the lithographs of snowscapes around her house that she proposes to exhibit in the upper sitting room area during the winter quarter. The Committee approved her exhibit, which could be installed before 15 January, since the space is now empty.

c. **Nancy Conlon** brought additional decorative items, which she would like to include in her exhibit. The Committee had no problem with any of them, though it suggested that the sample of gilding seemed a little out of place and might be omitted. Ms. Conlon was urged to include in her exhibit information on the decorative techniques employed.

d. **Alex Delehanty** has applied to exhibit sculpy work displayed in shadow boxes or used to decorate whimsical clocks. Based on the photos submitted, the Committee tentatively approved his exhibit for the spring quarter, starting 15 April. The display cases are probably the most appropriate area, but Joan will call to find out what space he wants.

e. **William Stallman** has re-applied to show animal sculptures made from found objects. (The Committee approved a previous application only to have Mr. Stallman withdraw at the last minute.) Assuming that Mr. Delehanty wants the display cases in the spring, the earliest Mr. Stallman could have them is the summer quarter, starting 15 July.

Exhibit Period	Entry cases		Sitting room		Hallway	
	Double-sided	Shelves	Upper (5)	Lower (3)	Long (5)	Short (2)
Fall 15 Oct – 15 Jan	Martin Bloom  (collage)			Martin Bloom  (collage)		

Winter 15 Jan – 15 Apr	Nancy Conlon  (decorated boxes, frames, etc.)	Joan Cole  (lithographs)	Taylor Anderson  (photos)
Spring 15 Apr – 15 Jul	Alex Delehanty?  (sculpy work)		

**4. Committee membership.** Anita Bacon has resigned, so the Committee has an opening. Tom Bruhn may be interested; Jay O'K will ask. Jay A. would like to relinquish his position as *de facto* Chair, and Kim volunteered to chair future meetings.

**5. Coffee house readings.** Mary Francis, who belongs to a memoir writing group organized through the Center for Learning in Retirement, suggested a program at which 8-10 members would each read short excerpts (say, 7 minutes) from their work, to be followed by informal conversation over refreshments – about 2 hours in all. The Committee was enthusiastic about this proposal and suggested that she arrange with Jay O'K a date and time for the program (probably a weekday evening in late February or March). The Committee should probably see in advance what is going to be read, so that those attending could be warned of potentially upsetting material.

**6. Insurance.** Jay O'K reported that the Town may be able to include art displayed at the MCC in its insurance coverage (or add a rider to do so). Artists would need to list and value works individually. Jay has drafted a revised consent form, which Scott volunteered to refine to make clear that artists who do not do so thereby waive insurance coverage.

**7. 2009 meeting schedule.** On second thought, the Committee agreed to meet on the first Tuesday in September rather than the second (i.e., on 01 Sep 09 rather than 08 Sep 09). Jay O'K will forward the corrected schedule to the Town Clerk.

**8. Adjourned** at 8:36p. Next meeting: Tuesday, 03 February 09, 7:00p.

Scott Lehmann, Acting Secretary, 07 January 09  
Approved: 03 March 09